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FIRE CREWS CONTAIN JACOB'S RANCH FIRE

Monday, July 14, 2003... Salt Lake City... The Jacob's Ranch Fire was contained by fire crews Sunday evening after burning 124 acres on Lake Mountain and threatening a powerline in Israel Canyon. Lake Mountain is located west of Utah Lake and south of Saratoga Springs City. The fire was started Saturday, and was determined by investigators to have been caused by target shooting.

Engine and hand crews from the Lehi and Saratoga Springs fire departments and the State of Utah, Utah County, Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service wildland fire programs were assisted by two air tankers and three helicopters in containing the fire. A small crew of smokejumpers also assisted on Saturday. The fire was primarily fueled by dry juniper, brush and grass. The steep slope helped the fire move quickly although the wind was not strong Saturday.

Currently, Salt Lake Field Office resources specialists are reviewing steps for emergency stabilization of the fire area. Issues such as soil stabilization and weed control will be considered, among other things that can quickly become issues following a wildfire. If you have comments on this analysis, please contact the Salt Lake Field Office at 2370 South 2300 West, Salt Lake City, Utah 84119 or call (801) 977-4300.

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